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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: MARCH 15, 2013

TYPE OF INCIDENT: STATEWIDE "SHOULDER TAP OPERATION"

On 03/15/2013, The Ridgecrest Police Department participated in a Statewide "Shoulder Tap" Operation involving numerous state, county, and municipal agencies. Throughout California, over five hundred (500) persons were arrested with the majority of them being arrested on charges of furnishing of alcohol to a minor.

- **SHOULDER TAP** is a common method used by persons under age 21 to solicit a person to purchase and furnish them with alcoholic beverages. The Shoulder Tap Program is an enforcement program that ABC and local law enforcement agencies use to detect and deter shoulder tap activity. During the program, a minor decoy solicits adults outside ABC licensed stores to buy the minor alcohol. Any person seen furnishing alcohol to the minor decoy is arrested (either cited or booked) for furnishing alcohol to a minor (a violation of Section 25658(a) Business and Professions Code).

The local operation resulted in the arrest of six (6) persons for the following violations:

Taylor, Shannon	- Misdemeanor Warrant Arrest.
Matheny, Brittney	- Misdemeanor Warrant Arrest.
Cook, Keith	- Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor.
Justice, James	- Possession of an Explosive Device/Possession of a "Zip" Gun.
Graham, Kristen	- Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor.
Thomas, Carrie	- Misdemeanor Warrant Arrest.

This Operation was funded from a grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and administered through the Grant Assistance Program (GAP). This Education/Enforcement Grant runs from July 01, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (Fiscal Year 12/13).

The Ridgecrest Police Department and ABC believe that aggressive enforcement mixed with public education will successfully limit the access of alcohol to minors and improve the quality of life in Ridgecrest.

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